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SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSION WITH ECONCOM/MIN OCT 31,
TSURUMI PLACED MAJOR EMPHASIS ON NEED FOR EQUAL WEIGHT
TO BE GIVEN TO INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MCM ISSUES.
RE PROPOSED STUDY ON AGRICULTURE, TSURUMI EXPRESSED
MILD SUPPORT FOR PART ONE BUT WAS RATHER NEGATIVE ON
PART TWO, AT LEAST IN PART BECAUSE OF MAF RESERVATIONS.

1. ECONCOM/MIN CALLED ON FONOFF DEPUTY VICE MINISTER
TSURUMI OCT 31 TO DISCUSS US POSITIONS ON ISSUES
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RAISED REFEELS. TSURUMI HAD BEEN PROVIDED PREVIOUS WEEK

WITH TEXT OF US PROPOSAL FOR AGRICULTURE STUDY AS WELL
AS COMPREHENSIVE BACKGROUND PAPERS ON AGRICULTURE AND
INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT/MCN ISSUES.

2. TSURUMI APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING HAD TIME TO MAKE
THOROUGH STUDY OF ISSUES RAISED BY US, NOTING IN THIS
CONNECTION THAT HE HAD BEEN HEAVILY OCCUPIED WITH VISIT
OF AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM. TSURUMI MADE
PRELIMINARY COMMENTS GIVEN BELOW AND ASSERTED HE WOULD
BE IN POSITION TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES FULLY AT
NOV 7 DINNER.

3. RE INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT/MCN TSURUMI NOTED THE
DIFFERENCE IN EMPHASIS BETWEEN US AND OTHER COUNTRIES,
WITH US MORE INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT
AND OTHERS MORE IN MNC'S AND SAID IN THIS CONNECTION
THAT OECD SECRETARIAT PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT SEEMED
MORE BALANCED THAN US PROPOSALS. HE SAID HIS PRINCIPAL
OBJECTIVE WAS FOR EQUAL WEIGHT TO BE GIVEN TO INTER-
NATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MCN ISSUES. ECONCOM/MIN
EXPRESSED US HOPE THAT GOOD DISCUSSION WOULD TAKE PLACE
RESULTING IN GUIDANCE TO EXPERTS WORKING ON SUBJECT.

4. TSURUMI EXPRESSED MILD SUPPORT FOR PART ONE OF US
PROPOSED STUDY ON AGRICULTURE. HE SAID IT WAS GOOD
IDEA TO ANALYZE SITUATION, EVEN THOUGH IT ALREADY
BEING STUDIED IN OTHER FORA. TSURUMI SAID, AS
PRELIMINARY REACTION, HE THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS OTHER
COMMODITIES SHOULD BE ADDED TO SCOPE OF STUDY, E.G.
OILSEEDS.

5. RE PART TWO OF AGRICULTURAL STUDY TSURUMI EXPRESSED
DOUBTS RE FEASIBILITY AND PRACTICALITY INDICATING
SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ON PART OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
AND FORESTRY (MAF). MOST FORTHCOMING STATEMENT
BY TSURUMI WAS QTE DIALOGUE IS ALWAYS NECESSARY
UNQTE, BUT, WHILE GIVING NO CLEAR INDICATION RE HIS
OWN VIEWS OR THOSE OF FONOFF, HE MADE IT CLEAR THERE
WAS SERIOUS QUESTION WHETHER MAF COULD BE BROUGHT
AROUND TO TAKE MORE POSITIVE VIEW THIS SUBJECT.
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6. TSURUMI PROMISED TO ADVISE ECONCOM/MIN IF HE WAS
ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER THOUGHTS PRIOR TO HIS
DEPARTURE FOR PARIS.
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